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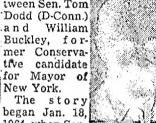
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Story Behind the Dodd TV Interview

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There's an interesting untold story behind the fact that the Metromedia TV hookup featured a recent filmed TV

interview between Sen. Tom Dodd (D-Conn.) mer Conservative candidate New York.



1964, when Sen.

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Dodd's staff on his Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee finished a study of vision. After monitoring ABC, CBS, NBC and Metromedia networks had carried the following number of violent Mrs. Lowe at the National shows in one week: ABC, 45; Lawyers Club, and so on. CBS, 13; NBC, 64 and Metro-TV. Channel 5).

influence television, Metro proposed driving him on up to media had already begun to New London. cultivate the Senator, and alpreliminary juvenile delin-committee were supposed to

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food broker and big-time advertiser, at his Beverly Hills home, which he purchased from Frank Sinatra.

Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Kluge at Dodd celebrated their wedding dinner; April 28, with the anniversary May 19, they recrime and violence on tele- Kluges at their 2101 Connecti- ceived an assortment of chamcut ave. home in Washington; pagne and choice liquors from May 15, with another Metro-the Kluges with a card readthey found that the following media representative, Larry ing: "Congratulations and best a page in praise of the lady Fraiberg; May 21, dinner with wishes. Theo and John."

media, 111. (The Washington Democratic National Conven-appointed chairman, board of not particularly impressed. Bill Metromedia outlet is WTTG-tion in Atlantic City in August, directors and membership of town seknowledgment. De-1964, Lowe arranged to meet the Florence Lowe for Dodd tory acknowledgement Dec. Realizing Dodd's power to him at the airport and later Committee.' So far all my

most immediately after this his Juvenile Deliquency Sub-Sincerely, Florence," quency report Florence Lowe, be studying TV violence, in tribution with this note, "Love Metromedia representative in cluding the extra high rate of and kisses, Florence." On Jan. 9, even while the study of Metromedia had come ence: John Kluge's check arstudy, Mrs. Lowe invited Dodd color TV set, and in gratitude \$500. to the Women's Press Club for this and various entertain-

dinner, where he sat at the ment the Senator had put same table with Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark.), then chairman of the potent House Commerce Committee, and Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Marine) Roger had no knowledge of Dec. 22 he wrote a glowing juvenile problems other than letter to President Johnson On March 1, Dodd was entertained royally by Metromedia's owner, John Kluge, tinued for about two years. | letter to President Johnson praising Mrs. Lowe and recommending her for a job. | "I know how interested you

\$500 Campaign Gift

As Dodd's election campaign approached, Mrs. Lowe wrote candidates have won. You will be no exception. With fondest All this time Sen. Dodd and regards to you and Grace.

She also sent Dodd a con-

was happening on the inside to do something in return. On

are in bringing more and more qualified women into the Fed-Meanwhile the buttering up eral service," Dodd wrote his of the man in charge of in-friend LBJ. "It is my under-Then followed other dinners vestigating TV violence con standing that a vacancy exists and luncheons: April 14, with tinued. When Sen. and Mrs. on the U.S. Advisory Commission on Information, and I would like to propose to you the name of Mrs. Florence S. Lowe of Washington."

Dodd went on for more than who had managed to maneuver him out of investigating TV violence on her own sta-And when he went to the Oc. 6, 1964, "I am the self- tions. President Johnson was 3 not particularly impressed. Bill

> Fraternizing and the backscratching continued through 1965 with a regal party given by the Kluges on the Dodds'. 31st wedding anniversary in

Meanwhile the TV stations Washington, intensified the violence on Metromedia Inside Three days later, Oct. 9, lence remained uninvestigated by the look of the look with the highest rate of vio-On Jan. 9, even while the study of Metromedia had come ence: John Kluge's check ard why grateful Metromedia in the Juvenile Delinquency Subcomitte was making its TV crime given the Senator a beautiful mightly welcome." It was for terview when other stations did not.

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